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re application of: Robert Wieber

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Examiner: Kiran B. Patel

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RESPONSE AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION PRIOR TO APPEAL

In response to the final Office Action mailed September 9, 2004, Applicants request that the Examiner consider the Remarks and Conclusions below.

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V. Interview of October 22, 2004

During an interview between the undersigned and Examiner Patel on October 22, 2004, Examiner Patel suggested that he would consider allowing claims drawn more specifically directed toward an embodiment that Applicants, at least presently, view as more significant. In this vane, Applicants offer to cancel all claims 1-26, unless already canceled, and to amend claim 27 to include the language of both claim 30 and claim 31 and to cancel claims 32 and 33 if Examiner Patel allows claims 27-29 and 34-38.

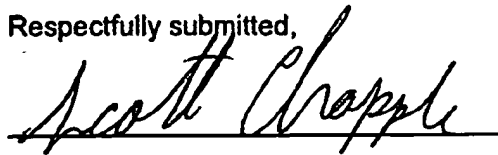
CONCLUSIONS

In view of Applicants' amendments and remarks, the Examiner's rejections and withdrawals are believed to be rendered moot. Accordingly, Applicants submit that the present application is in condition for allowance and request that the Examiner pass the case to issue at the earliest convenience. Should the Examiner have any question or wish to further discuss this application, Applicant requests that the Examiner contact the undersigned at (248) 292-2920.

If for some reason Applicant has not requested a sufficient extension and/or have not paid a sufficient fee for this response and/or for the extension necessary to prevent the abandonment of this application, please consider this as a request for an extension for the required time period and/or authorization to charge our Deposit Account No. 50-1097 for any fee which may be due.

Dated: 3 November, 2004

Respectfully submitted,



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